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SMALL GRAIN SIZE, CONFORMAL ALUMINUM INTERCONNECTS AND Title:

METHOD FOR THEIR FORMATION

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Before taking up the above-identified application for examination, please enter the following amendments.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, please insert, -- This application is a Divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/146,509, filed September 3, 1998.--

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-9 and 17-36. Claims 10-16 are therefor pending in this application.

Applicant will file additional claims in a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-signed attorney if examination begins prior to receiving the additional claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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